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TREE PLANTATION IN GRAM PANCHAYATS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a plan to plant 20 lakh trees yearly in every gram panchayat of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of trees planted during the last three years and current year in every district and panchayat and the number out of them surviving at present alongwith the number which have got destroyed so far;

(d) whether any effective measures have been taken to make afforestation programme effective and for the conservation of trees; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) & (b) Under the Twenty Point Programme 1986, afforestation/ tree planting activities are undertaken annually throughout the country, including in gram panchayats.

(c) The total number of trees planted during the last 3 years in the country are as under :

Year	Tree Plantation on Private Lands, No. of trees planted (in lakhs)	Area covered Public and Forest Lands (in Hectares)
2001-02	8613.39	919624
2002-03	8200.77	725910
2003-04	7611.33	844399

The Sample check of 1-year old plantations of 2002-03 commissioned in 50 sample districts of the country by the Ministry of Environment and Forests revealed average survival percentage between 54.45 percent and 92.76 percent due to varied factors, including biotic pressure, and climatic and edaphic conditions.

(d) & (e) The Ministry of Environment and Forests is implementing National Afforestation Programme (NAP). To make it effective, the NAP is monitored in the following manner:-

(i) The State-Level Coordination Committee of NAP monitors the implementation of projects under the Scheme at the state level.

(ii) Mid-Term Evaluation of Forest Development Agency (FDA) projects through independent evaluators/ institutions/ organisations are undertaken at the level of FDA.

(iii) Independent Mid-Term Evaluation of selected FDA projects are commissioned by the Ministry of Environment and Forests.

(iv) Senior officers of the State Forest Departments and the Ministry also undertake regular inspections of the project area under NAP.